

STRENUOUS TIMES ARE AHEAD OF ENGLISH LIBERAL PARTY

I. P. O'Connor Cables That Asquith and Lloyd George Are Certain to Champion Land Reform, Which May Divide Ranks—Home Rule Inevitable—Canada and Imperial Navy.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser by T. P. O'Connor, M. P.] London, July 27.—Keenness in political interest shows no signs of abatement. Indeed the present week reached a high water mark. Intensity of political feeling during the week is chiefly due to First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill's tremendous demands for further increase in the navy, accompanied by the ultra-frank references to Germany.

MIXED FEELINGS. Churchill has thus produced strangely mixed feelings, especially among his liberal followers. On the one hand horror of an increase in armaments and hatred and dread of war were shown in the stony silence with which the Liberals listened throughout Churchill's skillful and daring appeal to arms against Germany.

And yet on the other hand, except for the small "peace-at-any-price" minority, the bulk of the Liberals voted unwillingly but solidly to profess friendship for further armaments.

This feeling of inevitably and almost despairingly bowing before an adverse fate, is increased by the want of all prospect of diminution of naval burdens in future years, everything on the contrary pointing to their further and further expansion.

VIEW OF UNIONISTS.

Another proof of the obsession in the English mind of German aggression is given by the response from the Unionists to the latest naval increases, for they demand even more gigantic preparations than Churchill offers. Thus we have the spectacle of two great nations being apparently dragged unwillingly, but inevitably, into an abyss of ruinous armaments and such exasperated national feeling as ultimately makes war possible on smallest provocation.

RADICAL AND LABOR.

The Radical and Labor sections proposed as an alternative to this outburst of universal jingoism the breaking away by England from the entente with Russia and France, as the provocation to Germany which created the great German fleet. This alternative was rejected with equal decisiveness, Sir Edward Grey, secretary of foreign affairs, and Premier Asquith declaring with emphasis that England must cultivate alliances as a counterpoise to the German triple alliance. Meantime this fierce armament against each other by two nations is now widened by the presence in London of the Canadian ministers to attend the secret meetings of the imperial defence committee, which is the most powerful body now in England, and the brain of the political military and naval preparations for war. Indications are arising that the circle will widen still further till it brings in Australia, and even South Africa into the naval preparations. New Zealand has already placed its Dreadnought at the disposal of the admiralty.

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION.

Confident forecasts appear in the London papers of gigantic contributions from Canada, but the Canadian ministers remain dumb, and have still to face their own community with mixed populations. This perilous international situation is accompanied this week by the similarly complex situation of internal politics. At all recent by-elections the radical land reformers have thrust themselves and their policy in the forefront of the battleground, and have made a new departure inevitable in the Liberal party. But this preliminary stage of land reform, especially when advanced by avowed single taxers, separates instead of unites the Liberal ranks.

CAPITALISTS AROUSED.

Capitalist and land-owning sections already utter cries of revolt, and the Unionists take advantage of the contradictions in the Liberal position by asking awkward questions in Parliament. All this reacts against the position of the ministers, and especially of Chancellor Lloyd George, and has led to constant rumors of his early resignation. These rumors are without foundation, but it is certain that Lloyd George intends to put himself at the head of a big land reform movement next October, which, while different from the single tax extremists' plan, will still send Unionist landowners into rages of terror and vituperation, and may antagonize some moderate sections.

ASQUITH WITH CHANCELLOR.

The Liberals' fate in this crusade will depend largely on the nature of the proposals, and also what backing Lloyd George gets among his colleagues. Asquith, it is believed, will agree in the main with Lloyd George, but Lloyd George's relations with Churchill are strained partly through Churchill's complete change of front on the question of the navy, and partly through Churchill's hankering friendship for Unionist landowners, to whose stock he has been a big land reform movement next October, which, while different from the single tax extremists' plan, will still send Unionist landowners into rages of terror and vituperation, and may antagonize some moderate sections.

HOME RULE INEVITABLE.

Thus home rule is found no longer to be a trump card for the Unionists in the elections, the masses of the English people regarding it as at once an inevitable and a less serious question than such issues as the German peril, revolutionary land reform, and closer relations with the colonies for mutual protection.

The enormous success of Asquith's reception in Dublin helped to increase the general conviction that home rule is assured, while the suffragette outrages have given a blow to the suffragette movement for the moment. A further sign of the times is that no English newspaper now pays any attention to Ulster threats of civil war, and barely reports even the attack of Orange workmen on the Catholics in the Belfast shanty towns.

It almost looks as if England is in a mood to regard home rule as already settled, and to pass on immediately to a discussion of other and more momentous issues. The general situation was not affected by another Unionist ambush on Friday, which brought the Liberal majority down to three, but such episodes reveal the necessity of constant vigilance, and will result in better attendance and a closing up of the Liberal ranks.

UNIONISTS WIN AT CREWE IN THREE-CORNERED FIGHT

Intervention of Labor Candidate Loses Seat for Asquith Government.

[Canadian Press.]

Crewe, England, July 27.—The Unionist candidate, Ernest V. Craig, was successful in the by-election held yesterday in this division of the county of Cheshire to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of the Liberal member, Walter S. B. McLaren.

LADS IN PUNT DRIFTED OUT TEN MILES IN LAKE ERIE

Three Young Boys Had a Terrifying Experience in a Leaky Craft, and Were Saved by the Prompt Action of a Young Londoner.

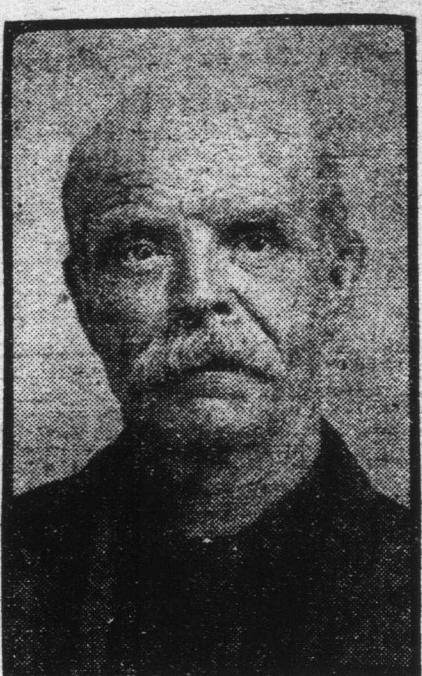
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Stanley, July 27.—Three lads, one of them a one-armed boy named Ed. Evans, of London, who are summering over on Orchard Beach, probably owe their lives to the prompt action of Harry Chapman, son of Mr. John H. Chapman, of London. Yesterday afternoon the lads, while playing about on the beach, climbed into an old punt. It had no centre board or sail, but as the wind was off shore, before the lads realized it, they were carried out. They drifted for hours, and it was not until young Chapman, at his father's summer home, two miles east of Orchard Beach, happened to notice them, that the seriousness of their position was realized. Chapman, in order to get a better view, climbed to the top of a flag pole, and with a fieldglass saw what was happening. He at once rushed to the village,

running nearly all the way, and the tug John H. Moore put out. It was getting dark before the punt was found, and one of the boys was just getting ready to jump over and try to swim to shore. As the punt was then ten miles out, he would almost certainly have been drowned. The lads had nothing on but light bathing suits, and felt the cold keenly, although they said they had been kept busy baling in order to prevent the punt from sinking. It was 9 o'clock before the boys were brought in safely.

DIABLO QUITE WELL.

Paris, July 27.—Ex-President Perre Diaz, of Mexico, who was erroneously reported yesterday in Mexico City to be seriously ill, went out visiting this morning, accompanied by his wife. He appeared to be in excellent health.



W. FERGUSON. The man who shot to death Immigration Inspector Herbert on a Windsor ferry.

WHITMAN BALKED IN MURDER HUNT

Anticipated Break-Down of Alleged Rosenthal Slayers Has Not Materialized.

GUARD FOR A WITNESS

Waiter Who Told of Shooting Threatened With Death by the Gangsters.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, July 27.—The anticipated breakdown and confession of one or more of the men now under arrest in connection with the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, has failed to materialize, the real slayers are still at liberty, and District Attorney Whitman is balked so far in his efforts to show who the actual conspirators were behind the plot to kill Rosenthal.

The proceedings of the grand jury have been adjourned until next week, and District Attorney Whitman has left the city until next Monday. In the meantime Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty is scouring the city to round up the slayers of Rosenthal. Commissioner Dougherty says the development in the last few days have been very important, but does not expect any more arrests for a day or so.

Threats have been received by Louis Krez, the waiter, who yesterday identified "Bridge" Webber and Jack Sullivan as having been in front of the Hotel Metropole when the murder took place, and a guard of detectives has been given him to prevent him from being harmed or spirited away. Jack Sullivan, whose arrest yesterday was one of the most sensational features of the murder investigation, will be given a chance today to tell Deputy Dougherty all he knows about the case.

Frank Croftel, the "Dago Frank," under arrest, will get a hearing before the coroner Monday. He has given the police no information.

SOTHMAN JOINS THE MACKENZIE FORCES

Engaged as Executive and Engineering Head of Electrical Development Company.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, July 27.—The News this evening that P. W. Sothman, chief electrical engineer of the Ontario hydro-electric commission, who recently resigned that position, has been engaged by the Mackenzie-Mann interests as executive and engineering head of the Electrical Development Company, etc. J. Fleming, who has been acting as executive head of the Electrical Development Company will, in the future, devote his entire attention to the Toronto Railway management.

SERIOUS WRECK HAS BEEN REPORTED

[Canadian Press.]

Port William, July 27.—A serious wreck on the C. P. R. west of White River Junction is reported. Telegraph wires have been down all night, and details are obtainable up to 11 o'clock this morning.

PRINCE JAIME ILL. London, July 27.—Owing to the illness of her second son, Prince Jaime, Queen Victoria of Spain, who is at present in London, has cancelled her visit to her mother in the Isle of Wight. Princess Henry of Battenberg has decided to come to London.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecasts. Toronto, July 27—8 a.m. Today—Moderate wind; fine. Sunday—Southeasterly winds; fine until night, then showers.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	65.5	58	Fine
Victoria	72	48	Clear
Winnipeg	80	64	Cloudy
Port Arthur	72	54	Fair
Perry Sound	78	50	Clear
Toronto	73	54	Clear
Ottawa	72	54	Cloudy
Montreal	72	58	Clear
Quebec	72	58	Cloudy
Father Point	56	48	Cloudy

The barometer is now highest over the Great Lakes, and is rising slowly in the Maritime Provinces. Thunderstorms occurred yesterday in Manitoba, but further west the weather has cleared, with a general tendency for higher temperature. Today's Prob. Western Ontario—Fine and cool. The West—Jolly fair and warm, but a few local thunderstorms.

LONDON'S GREAT DOCK STRIKE IS DECLARED AT AN END

Fifty Thousand Dock Workers and Families Have Been in State of Semi-Starvation Since Early in May—Trouble Started Over Employment of Non-Union Man.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 27.—The strike at the London docks, which started early in May, and has caused about 50,000 dock workers and their families to live in a state of semi-starvation for ten weeks, was declared at an end today by the strike committee.

Work is to be resumed on Monday. The strike committee has issued a manifesto to the men, declaring that all agreements between the employers and the employees existing prior to the dispute must be maintained in their entirety. The employers heretofore have refused this.

The dockers' strike, which involved dock laborers, lightermen and other branches of casual laborers and caused so much distress in the shipping world, this man was a foreman, who refused to join the union, and the men refusing to work under his orders, were locked out, upon which the committee of the men's union ordered several thousands of the men to strike.

Leaders Obstinate. Endeavors were made to get the transport workers and dockers at other ports in the British Isles to join in a national strike movement, but with very little success. The London dockers, however, continued obstinate, and Lord Devonport, chairman of the port of London authority, and a leading employer, refused to give way. Several sharp conflicts occurred between the police and strikers, and indignation meetings were frequently held to protest against the action of Lord Devonport. On Wednesday of this week, 50,000 of the striking dockers met on Tower Hill and Ben Tillet, their leader, asked the men to bare their heads and join him in prayer.

They then in unison prayed: "Oh, God, strike Lord Devonport dead." Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the International Seamen's Union, this week tried to organize a national strike once more, but his efforts failed, and as a consequence, the strike committee decided that work should be resumed.

Refuse to Place Wires in Niagara Power Tubes as Now Constructed.

[Canadian Press.]

General Manager Glauz has returned from Toronto, where he had an interview with Engineer Gabe, of the hydro-electric commission, regarding the best method of handling the problem of placing the wires of the telegraph and telephone companies underground. It is the intention of the water commissioners to ask the Dominion railway commission to compel the companies to place their wires in city conduits at once, and Mr. Glauz went to Toronto to obtain the latest information on the subject. "It seems that the companies insist on a separate manhole for their wires," said Mr. Glauz. "That is the sticking point. We have not provided for that in the conduits we have put down, but for those to be constructed in the future we could provide it easily. It is possible, however, that we will lay the conduits as we have laid those on Richmond and Dundas streets, and if later we find that an extra manhole is necessary we can construct it."

Nothing This Year. "What about the extension of the ornamental lighting system on Richmond and Dundas streets?" Mr. Glauz was asked. "It looks as if we will do nothing this year," he answered. "The difficulty in securing cable and other equipment makes it practically impossible for us to do the work this summer. There is a possibility that we might put the conduits down, but even that is rather doubtful."

Mr. Glauz stated that he did not discuss with Mr. Gabe the report on the electrification of the London and Port Stanley, and the purchase of the London street railway. Nothing was said about it whatever. Mr. Glauz could not state when it would be handed over to the city.

First Hussars Cavalry Cadet Corps



In training for the past week at the cadet camp on Carling's Heights. This was the only cavalry corps on the grounds, but as yet have no horses. Next year the boon will be granted to them.

LONDON MAN SAW HERBERT KILLED

Ferguson's Murder of Immigration Official Witnessed By Albert Moran.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, July 27.—Patrolman Lloyd Robinson was shot and killed today by Fred Milne, 21 years old, whom he was attempting to arrest on suspicion of burglary. J. T. Edmondson, a spectator who saw the officer killed, attempted to capture Milne and was shot in the arm. Milne was finally captured a short distance from the scene of the shooting.

THREE GOING THE ROUNDS TO BEAT BOARD BILLS

Alleged Spongers Are Said to Have Lived Cheaply in East London.

Three boarding-house spongers are making the rounds in the East London district. They made their appearance on Rectory street and secured accommodation at the Grand Trunk boarding hotel, telling Mr. Kennedy, the proprietor, they had employment in the shops. They appeared regularly for their meals, but were somewhat unpunctual on arriving home at night, and frequently appeared in a somewhat intoxicated state. At the end of a week, Mr. Kennedy asked for a settlement, but when they showed an empty pouch and no promises he promptly ejected them. She then secured quarters at Mr. Pull's, who keeps a small grocery at the corner of Rectory and King streets. After they had slept there one night, their past history became known, and the police were informed. But the "dead beats" must have been on the quiver for they never returned. They reported to have come from Windsor, but it has been ascertained that they never worked in the vicinity. They were a smooth-looking trio and should be looked for.

MUST PAY DOG TAX

Inspector McCallum is on the War-path Now. Inspector McCallum is after the delinquent owners of dogs who have failed to contribute \$2 for the privilege of keeping a pet. Today he issued 50 summonses, and on Monday 100 more will be sent out. "We need the money," declared Inspector McCallum. "Those who have not paid had better come straight to my office, and they will have the costs."

FRANKS PROPERTY IS LIKELY TO BE BOUGHT FOR WESTERN

Since the Sale of Sunshine Park the Board of Governors Have Been On the Lookout For a Suitable Site For the Big Institution—Option Is Likely in a Few Days.

The Franks property on the Wellington road is likely to be bonded for the site of the Western University, and the board of governors will meet shortly to consider the advisability of closing the deal at once, and assuming possession of the property. No definite price was stated, but there are estimates of from \$12,000 to \$20,000. There are about 40 acres.

Some months ago, the property known as Sunshine Park was bonded by Ald. T. J. Murphy for the site of the university. It would be more accurate to say that it was bonded twice. On the first occasion a price was secured, and Ald. Murphy presented his figures to the board of governors and urged its acceptance. The board could not see its way clear at that time to purchase it, the necessary money not being in sight.

Later Ald. Murphy again bonded the land, but owing to a delay in discussing the proposition, the matter was allowed to drop.

In the meantime, Mr. Philip Pocock, on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church of the city, purchased the property for the purpose of erecting on it a seminary for the education of young men for the clergy of the diocese. The announcement of this purchase came as a great surprise to those in touch with Western University matters, as it was thought that Sunshine Park would be available for some time as a possible site for the university.

Another Site. However, it was no longer to be had, and those interested in the future of the Western began to look about for another site with equally as good facilities. The Franks property on the Wellington road was considered to be the most suitable site, and an agent was employed to secure an option on the property. This he has not succeeded in doing as yet, but it is said he will succeed shortly.

BLACK CAT SAVED BALLPLAYER FROM COUPLE OF BROKEN RIBS

Pitcher Jacobson, of St. Thomas, Had Kitten in His Shirt When Hit By Ball.

One of the most peculiar incidents that ever occurred on a baseball diamond happened at St. Thomas Friday afternoon during the game between London and St. Thomas. While walking to Pinetown Park previous to the game, in company with Umpire J. Ira Davis, Pitcher Jacobson, of the St. Thomas team, noticed a black kitten running across the path ahead of him.

Ball players, as a rule, are superstitious, and Jacobson is no exception. He ran ahead and gathering up the kitten remarked to Umpire Davis that it was a sign of good luck and he would carry it to the ball park and let it loose on the diamond during the game. As J. Ira is full of these kind of tricks and scented a chance to pull off some of that comedy "stuff" of his, he and Jacobson framed up a scheme to chase the cat across the diamond in an exciting moment of the contest.

Now, Listen! At the ball park, Jacobson went on the third base coaching line in the fourth inning with the kitten hidden under his shirt. Powers came to bat, and, after knocking a couple of foul tips, he turned on one of Fursdenson's fast ones and hammered it with terrific force just outside the thirdbase line.

Jacobson was right in the path of the ball and he had no time to get out of the way. The pellet struck him in the breast, and the thud could be heard all over the lot. To the surprise of the fans and players, who at least expected the pitcher had sustained a few broken ribs, "Jake" went on coaching as though nothing had happened, and a big laugh went up from the stands.

Kitten Was Dead. After the inning, however, Jacobson retired to the players' bench and reached under his shirt for the kitten. When he brought it out it was stone dead. The ball having crushed its skull in. Jacobson showed the cat to the St. Thomas players and also to some of the London players. Before the game was over the story had spread all over the grounds, and it was considered the most remarkable thing that had ever happened on a ball lot in this part of the country. Today Jacobson is going around congratulating himself on the fact that he picked up the cat. Had he not had it with him, he would likely have been in the hospital now nursing a few broken bones. "Jake" is now a strong believer in black cats as an omen of good luck.

NO DANGER FOR THE CHILDREN SAYS DR. HUTCHINSON, M.H.O.

Denies That Board of Health Are Opposed to Swatting Flies.

The story in circulation yesterday that some of the members of the board of health did not approve of the "Swat the Fly" campaign, because children might be led to swallow burrles, etc., in their eagerness to earn a prize and thus endanger their health, is not credited by Dr. Hutchinson, M. H. O. He declares that nothing like that will happen, and even if it did, there would be little or no danger to the children. "In the first place, the story states that a member of the board of health came to me and asked where the idea originated," said Dr. Hutchinson. "No member of the board was near me to discuss the subject in any form whatever."

City Will Be Cleaned Up. "The health laws of this city require that all swill barrels, etc., shall be covered. If not, the owner is liable to a fine. The boys and girls in their campaign may probably run into a few cans not in keeping with the law. The result is that they will be reported, and these places will be made to conform absolutely with the law. The boys will serve a two-fold purpose—killing flies and acting as inspectors on badly-kept places. Then we will be able to reach persons not living up to the requirements of the health act. They will have to pay the price if they do not, you may rest assured. "The good results of the campaign will be manifold. We will get rid, not only of the flies, but I anticipate that we will get rid of the places where flies are bred. "There will be no danger, such as the supposed member of the board anticipates. That has not happened in other places. London is no different, and we will be in good shape in a short time, from the health standpoint."

INSPECTOR LUTMAN REFUTES STATEMENT

Says Service in the Army Does Not Unfit a Man for Work.

Health Inspector James Lutman does not take kindly to the statement of Sgt. Nanfan that service in the army unfits a man for other duty. He declares that such a declaration is an insult to the large number of veterans in London and elsewhere. "I served ten years in the army," said Mr. Lutman. "I will have no person say that the service impaired my usefulness. I do not think those with whom I have worked will say that. I know of scores of other veterans who are useful citizens, performing many kinds of labor. Nearly all of my acquaintances have made good. I do not think it fair to us to have such statements go unchallenged."

KILLED BY CAR.

Montreal, July 27.—Hesitating in front of a street car whether to go forward or go back, a little boy, John Graham, was struck and killed last night.